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## KINGDOM WISDOM

*Timeless vital truths with Pastor Andrew Adeleke*

# WHY DO WE CELEBRATE EASTER?

Easter has changed, especially in Europe, it has become the public holiday where Easter eggs are shared and gifts are shared. There is nothing wrong with eating eggs or sharing gifts, however, Easter is not about these things. Easter is about the story of mankind and the sacrifice of the Son of God to save it. It's about the suffering endured by our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross, His blood that was shed and the stripes that he endured all because of the love of God for mankind. The Bible says in John 3:16 *"for God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but gain everlasting life"*.

Easter is not a time to mourn, it is a time to celebrate, it is not a time to mourn the fact that Jesus died after being nailed to the cross, but to celebrate that he defeated death and rose on the third day never to die again. It is a time to remember that our sins have been paid for by the Lord Jesus. It is a celebration of hope, hope that we can live again. The living Christ tells us that there is hope. The presence of the Living Christ tells us there is still hope. When Jesus died, many cried, the disciples were scattered, even Peter returned to his long abandoned profession of fishing, taking some disciples with Him. When Jesus returned however, joy returned and hope was raised.

## HE DIED FOR MY SINS

What did Jesus die for then? He died for our sins. The Bible says all have sinned and come short of the glory of God; Romans 3:23. Every man born of a woman had sinned and no longer merit the glory of God which he preordained all of us to have due to the sin of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, the Bible further said that the wages of sin is death. This means that every man or woman who remains in sin already has a signed death warrant.

Sin brings confusion as it separates the maker from what he made, the inventor from the object, it separates God from man, and man no longer receives the guidance he needs to operate effectively on earth. It is like buying a car and not taking it to the

authorised mechanic, you may never be able to use the car optimally. The Bible says in Isaiah 53:6 *"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all"*.

## THE HOPE OF GLORY

However, when Christ rose again, hope for mankind, sin was defeated for ever. All we have to do is believe on his name and we shall be saved. When Thomas beheld Jesus, though he doubted before, he was changed forever; John 20:29 *"Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed"*.

## AT EASTER

This Easter, we must allow the living Christ to change us. You must allow Christ to take over and allow him to give you eternal life. What has died in your life, as Christ rose from dead, he will bring it to life. Will you ALLOW Him to live through you?

Easter means hope. It means there is hope for you and me. Jesus was betrayed by one of His disciples, He was judged by His own people, He was condemned and then crucified, he died a painful death, they cast lots for his garments, yet He rose again. Our lives can be changed by grace; Ephesians 1:18 - The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints. With God all things are possible, celebrate Easter, and celebrate the gift of eternal life.

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